

**To:** Herrera, Angeles[Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov]  
**From:** Greg Lovato  
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**Subject:** Re: Draft messages

Angeles,

Thank you for sending these and for reaching out to the tribes this week.

I think to be accurate and transparent, as well as to serve as justification for the postponement, the second message below should indicate that EPA and BLM also agree that additional discussion may lead to a viable alternative to NPL listing. After consulting further internally I will let you know if NDEP has other suggestions.

I plan to call the tribes as soon as I can introducing myself as new administrator and try to turn over a new leaf. I wanted to ask you who specifically you recommend I call at each tribe and their phone numbers.

Lastly, I really appreciate your direct personal investment at this critical time. I greatly respect your skill and expertise in navigating this difficult set of interactions.

Thanks,  
Greg

On Feb 9, 2017, at 6:15 PM, Herrera, Angeles <[Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov](mailto:Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov)> wrote:

As we discussed on today's call, in anticipation of possibly postponing the final NPL listing for Anaconda, here are some general messages for your consideration and to provide a place for us to begin our discussion.

- Consistent with the Governor concurrence letter and NDEP request, we are postponing final NPL listing for the Anaconda site while we evaluate the feasibility of a private funding option for addressing the site.
- NDEP and ARC has had constructive discussions surrounding this option and believe that further discussions may lead to a viable alternative to NPL listing.
- This summer, if these discussions do not result in a positive outcome, EPA,

NDEP and BLM will move forward to finalize listing of the site on the NPL.

We will also need to develop a communication strategy to layout the specifics on when/who/how to deliver the messages.

Thanks. Angeles